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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action: Final Rejection dated July 1, 2002.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 22, 24-26, 28, 30, 32 and 34, and add new claims 38-43 as follows:

22. (Five Times Amended) A microelectronic device, comprising:  
a microelectronic substrate having an upper surface;

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